ABSTRACT

A CPU 10 operates in response to an instruction for
starting reproduction of a melody to read out tone color
5 data and tempo data included in selected musical
composition data from a RAM 11 or a ROM 12, and transfer
the readout data to a musical tone-generating section 15.
The CPU 10 then reads out starting position information
written in a performance starting point register 36,
10 reads out note data included in the musical composition
data from a position indicated by the starting position
information from the RAM 11 or the ROM 12, and transfers
the readout note data to the musical tone-generating
section 15. The musical tone-generating section 15
15 generates a melody from the transferred note data based
on the transferred tone color data and tempo data. As a
result, the melody can be listened to from an arbitrary
starting position.